

Recent Wildlife Sightings at Willamette Valley NWR Complex February 2012

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2 WHITE-THROATED SPARROWS on the short boardwalk to Pintail marsh

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK along Buena Vista Rd

1 EURASIAN WIGEON south of Wintel Rd at the RR tracks

15 GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESE at Eagle marsh kiosk

8 WESTERN BLUEBIRDS along Sydney Ditch Rd

Eagles and various waterfowl at Pintail Marsh and Eagle Marsh

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20-25 TREE SWALLOWS near the railroad tracks along Buena Vista Road

200 AMERICAN PIPITS in a grazed grass field on Buena Vista Rd

An immature RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was perched in a large tree alongside the road near Eagle Marsh

Baskett Slough

A BLACK PHOEBE at a small pond west of Taverner's Marsh and another on the corner of Livermore Rd.

A SAY'S PHOEBE was found on a small pond adjacent to the refuge

2 adult, 1 sub-adult, and 3 immature BALD EAGLES were seen from Coville Rd

4 unconcerned DEER grazed as the families hiking past marveled at their presence

A TURKEY VULTURE flying over at the end of the month is the first sign of spring



Greater White-Fronted Geese

photo courtesy of Joe Staff

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Over 400 TUNDRA SWANS are roosting on McFadden's Marsh and spending their days on American Drive in Linn County (up to 1,000 can be seen in the same field)

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1 RED-SHOULDERED HAWK, 3 juv BALD EAGLES, 4 GREAT BLUE HERONS flew in together and perched near each other, hundreds of TUNDRA SWANS and other waterfowl on McFadden's Marsh

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2 SHORT-EARED OWLS came flying from east of the scrape area on Bruce Rd
2 pairs of HOODED MERGANSERS came in for a landing at dusk joining the usual Mallards, Northern Shovelers, American Wigeons, Green-winged Teal, and Coots

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1 WHITE-THROATED SPARROW at Finley headquarters, on bird feeder and stick pile beside it, WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCHES and ACORN WOODPECKERS too!
1 LEWIS WOODPECKER in the usual tall conifer to the northeast of the red barn flying back and forth to the nearby oaks
50 DUNLIN just east of new conservation wetland on the south side of Finley Rd
1 HORNED LARK in the same field as the Dunlin, AMERICAN PIPITS in open fields
7 TREE SWALLOWS over the new conservation wetland on Finley Rd

A NORTHERN SHRIKE has been hunting near the observation platform at the prairie overlook on Finley Rd, catching mice and other insects.
Many WESTERN MEADOWLARKS are starting to sing in North Prairie and the restored field near the entrance

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1 MERLIN - Finley Rd near the Prairie Overlook and a PEREGRINE near Cabell Marsh
2 ROUGH-LEGGED HAWKS - Finley & Bruce Rds
1 TURKEY VULTURE - Muddy Cr & Finley Rd
The GOLDEN EAGLE continues on the south end of the refuge seen from Bruce Rd
5 WESTERN BLUEBIRDS - Muddy Cr south of Bruce Rd.



Tundra Swans and Cackling Geese photo courtesy of Joe Staff